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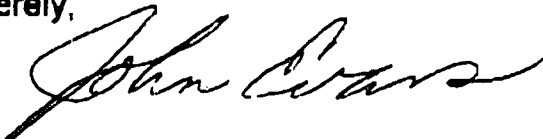
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to give my approval to the Department of Justice and Microsoft settlement. It has gone on long enough, draining needed money from both the taxpayers and the tech industry. I think it should be noted that our economic slowdown started with the indictment against Microsoft. We need to get back to business. Letting this settlement stand is one way to do it. I also think the key word here is "settlement", not on-going, or rehashing, but settlement.

Microsoft has been more than fair with this issue. Microsoft has agreed to a great many terms that were not even an issue in the original suit; Microsoft has agreed to help companies better achieve a greater degree of reliability with regard to their networking software; Microsoft has agreed to allow non-Microsoft product to be shipped to a consumer; Microsoft has agreed to share its internal interfaces, a first in antitrust cases.

I urge you to let us have the opportunity to go forward. We have more important things to do.

Sincerely,



John Evans